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The Honorable Duncan L. Hunter
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman

Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2811, this letter is to notify you that I have approved a \$10.1M repair project at McConnell AFB, KS to repair the historic Operations Group Headquarters facility. The Air Force is currently working to identify funds in the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) appropriation for this project.

The current facility is in great need of repair and does not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). The heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, and plumbing systems are degraded and must be repaired. Also, the fire protection system does not meet current national fire codes. Finally, many exterior and interior finishes must be repaired to preserve the Operations Group Headquarters building that is registered with the State Historic Preservation Office. This facility is historic and must be properly cared for to preserve a piece of Air Force history. In addition, this work is necessary to ensure the safety of Air Force personnel by eliminating safety hazards and meeting current ADA standards.

We have chosen to accomplish this project under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 2811. The work is classified as repair and the use of O&M funds provides the flexibility to plan the work with minimum disruption to operations while balancing our operation and maintenance and military construction programs.

A similar letter has been sent to the Ranking Minority Member of your Committee.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred W. Kuhn".

FRED W. KUHN

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
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